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SUBJECT: ITALY AWAITING COMMON EU POSITION ON RAPE
RESOLUTION

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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Jonathan R. Cohen, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

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(C) Poloff spoke September 28 with MFA Human Rights Office Director Laura Carpini to deliver reftel demarche and a copy of the U.S. draft resolution, "Condemning the Use of Rape as an Instrument of State Policy." Poloff urged Italy to cosponsor the resolution and requested cooperation in preventing amendments or alterations that would fundamentally alter the resolution or require the U.S. to withdraw its sponsorship. Carpini thanked us for providing the text of the resolution, which she had heard about but not seen, and took note of our request on limiting changes to the text. She said the Italian position on the resolution would depend on the outcome of the EU human rights coordinating meeting in Brussels October 9-10, during which a common EU position on the resolution would be discussed, but that in principle Italy supported the substance of the resolution.

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